

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 23. Cancelled.

24. (Currently Amended) A solid, transparent organic silicone copolymer or hydrolysis product thereof, prepared by solution polymerizing monomers comprising:

a1) $\geq 50\%$ by weight of at least one vinyl ester of optionally branched alkyl carboxylic acids having from 1 to 15 carbon atoms, and

a2) from 0 to 20% by weight of one or more monounsaturated olefins and/or dienes, and

b) from 1 to 50% by weight of one or more silicones of the formula $R^1_a R_{3-a} SiO(SiR_2O)_n SiR_{3-a} R^1_a$, in which each R is an identical or different monovalent, optionally substituted C_{1-18} alkyl or C_{1-18} alkoxy radical, R^1 is a polymerizable group, a is 0 or 1, and n is 10 to 1000, from 85 to 100% by weight of the silicones b) containing one or two polymerizable groups, with silicones b) having only one polymerizable group (b1) used only in admixture with silicones b) having two polymerizable groups (b2) in a weight ratio b1):b2) $\leq 1:1$, and

c) from 0 to 10% by weight of one or more ethylenically unsaturated hydrolyzable silicon compound monomers or mercaptosilane monomers different from silicones b),

the amounts in % by weight for components a) to c) based on the overall weight of the monomers used and adding up to 100% by weight,

in a nonaqueous solvent mixture in the presence of at least one free-radical initiator, wherein the nonaqueous solvent mixture comprises a mixture of at least two nonaqueous solvents of which at least one has a transfer constant C_s to vinyl acetate of greater than 20×10^{-4} at 70°C,